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Dear Dr. William Stokes,

The following information was brought to my attention through the Humane Society of The United States.

I implore you to begin efforts to completely replace lethal dose testing with non-animal, in vitro testing methods.

ELIMINATE THE LD50 TEST

Animals are not without feeling.

They experience Joy, Love and FEAR, ... and PAIN.

I understand the need for animal testing, but with **LIMITATIONS** and **not at all** if **OTHER MEANS ARE AVAILABLE**, which they are:

A recent workshop held by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), a government agency that researches the health effects of environmental hazards, addressed the feasibility of going one step further and replacing the animal tests completely with in-vitro cell culture tests.≤

I appreciate your thoughtful consideration to this very important topic.

There is too much suffering in this world, let us eliminate it whenever possible for ALL LIVING CREATURES.

Sincerely,
Susan Van Dyke